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Figure 14. Map Location of Elm Fork of the Trinity River (Dallas County)



Figure 15. Elm Fork of the Trinity River north of State Highway 356

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The Elm Fork of the Trinity River begins one mile northwest of Saint Jo in eastern Montague County and flows southeasterly about 85 miles to its junction with the West Fork of the Trinity River, where it forms the Trinity River about five miles northwest of Dallas (TPWD, 1998).

This section of the Elm Fork transects the Blackland Prairies natural region of Texas. The topography of the region ranges from gently rolling hills to nearly level lands that are generally well dissected, which makes for rapid surface drainage (TPWD, 2000). The meandering banks are steep and muddy and are lined with elm, oak, and willow trees. This section of the Elm Fork is easily accessible as there are numerous road crossings and public parks and despite being located in a huge metropolitan area it is relatively remote and has good recreational potential (TPWD, 2000). The candidate segment is from the confluence with the West Fork of the Trinity River in Dallas County upstream to California Crossing Road in Dallas County (within TNRCC stream segment 0822).

- (1) Riparian Conservation Area- fringed by the Trinity River Greenbelt Park.
- (2) High Water Quality/Exceptional Aquatic Life/High Aesthetic Value- high (as opposed to exceptional) aquatic life use (TNRCC, 1995).